drought situation prevalent in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken towards mid-course corrections to achieve the Plan targets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The mid-term appraisal is underway.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Suitable steps if required will be taken in the context of the mid-term appraisal when it is completed.

Joining of IAS and allied services by technically qualified personnel

1332. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of candidates holding BE, M.B.B.S. and other similar technical degrees who appeared in I.A.S. and allied services examinations during the last three years;

(b) the number of such degree holders viz., BE, M.B.B.S. and similar technical degrees selected for I.A.S. and allied services during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of loss to the nation by way of engineers and doctors becoming administrators;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(e) the steps Government are taking to discourage highly qualified personnel viz., engineers and doctors from joining the I.A.S. and allied services ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) The number of candidates holding B.E., M.B.B.S. and other similar technical degrees, who appeared in the Civil Services (Main) Examinations during the last three years and the number of such candidates selected are indicated below :

Year of Exam.	No. of candidates appeared	No. of candidates selected
1984	1088	161
1985	1370	172
1986	1438	201

(c) No. Sir.

(d) and (e) The number of technically qualified personnel joining the Civil Services is small. In administration their specialised qualifications can be made good use of. Hence there is no proposal at present to discourage them from competing at the Civil Services examination.

Low capacity utilisation in ordnance factories

1333. SHRI SHARAD YADAV :
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage upto which ordnance factories in the country are functioning as against their installed capacity, in each case, during the last three years, year-wise stating the reasons for low utilisation of their capacity;

(b) whether it is a fact that production jobs are entrusted to private contractors also by the ordnance factories; and

(c) if so, what percentage of the job, stating the nature thereof, is entrusted to the private parties, the annual expenditure incurred on these jobs and the reasons for entrusting the jobs to the contractors, when the capacity of the ordnance factories is under utilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) to (c) Percentage of